

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A control apparatus (4) for a hydraulic pump (3), which delivers into at least one working line (13) and the displacement volume of which is adjustable by means of an adjusting device (15), wherein the adjusting device (15) is loadable with an actuating pressure, which is controlled by a control valve (26) as a function of a first pressure and a second pressure, wherein the first pressure via a first pressure line (38) loads a first measuring surface (89) and the second pressure via a second pressure line (39) loads an opposed second measuring surface (91) of the control valve (26) and the first pressure is higher than the second pressure,

**~~characterized in~~**

~~that~~ wherein between the first and the second measuring surface (89, 91) a pressure chamber (45) is formed and a leakage path is formed from the pressure chamber (45) in the direction of the second pressure line (39).

2. (Currently Amended) The Control ~~Control~~ apparatus according to claim 1,

**~~characterized in~~**

~~that~~ wherein the pressure chamber (45) is connected by a counterpressure line (87) to the first pressure line (38).

3. (Currently Amended) The control ~~Control~~ apparatus according to claim 1 or 2,

**~~characterized in~~**

~~that wherein~~ the first pressure line (38) is connected to a delivery-side working line connection (P), which is connected to the working line (13).

4. (Currently Amended) The control ~~Control~~ apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1,

**characterized in**

~~that wherein~~ the second pressure line (39) is connected to the working line (13) in feed direction downstream of a throttle point (14) disposed in the working line (13).

5. (Currently Amended) The control ~~Control~~ apparatus according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1,

**characterized in**

~~that wherein~~ the control apparatus (1) is a volumetric flow control device.

6. (Currently Amended) A valve ~~Valve~~ block (50) for a control apparatus (1), comprising at least one recess (53) for receiving a valve piston (76), which has a first measuring surface (89) and a second, oppositely measuring surface (91), wherein the first measuring surface (89) is loadable via a first pressure line (87) with a first pressure and the second measuring surface (91) is loadable via a second pressure line (39) with a second pressure, which is lower than the first pressure,

**characterized in**

~~that wherein~~ a sealing portion (102) is formed at the valve piston (76), on the side of which remote from the second measuring surface (91) there is a pressure chamber (101), wherein the

sealing portion (102) forms a leakage path from the pressure chamber (101) into the second pressure line (39).

7. (Currently Amended) The valve ~~Valve~~ block according to claim 6,

**characterized in**

~~that~~ wherein the pressure chamber (101) is connected by a counterpressure channel (87) to a working line connection (P).

8. (Currently Amended) A valve ~~Valve~~ block according to claim 6 ~~or~~ 7,

**characterized in**

~~that~~ wherein pressure chamber (101) takes the form of an annular channel.

9. (Currently Amended) The valve ~~Valve~~ block according to claim 8,

**characterized in**

~~that~~ wherein the annular channel (101) is formed by a radial tapering at the valve piston (76).